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SUBJECT: EC PRODUCT LIABILITY DIRECTIVE: MORE INDUSTRY
CRITICISM

REF: ECA-467, OCTOBER 21, 1976

1. THE EC DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON PRODUCT LIABILITY WAS STRONGLY CRITICIZED BY THE EUROPEAN CENTER OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (CEEP). THIS IS THE SECOND MAJOR EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL GROUP, UNICE BEING THE FIRST, TO EXPRESS MAJOR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE DIRECTIVE SINCE IT WAS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976. CEEP CRITICIZES THE DIRECTIVE FROM THREE SIDES: LEGAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION, EFFECT, AND PRESENTATION AND FORM. CEEP QUESTIONS WHETHER THE PRESENT SITUATION WARRANTS THE STRINGENT PROTECTION OUTLINED, BELIEVING THAT IT WILL DISTORT COMPETITION. THE NECESSARY ADDED COST OF PRODUCT INSURANCE WILL RAISE PRICES AFFECTING NOT ONLY THE CONSUMER, BUT EXPORTS AS WELL. CEEP POINTS TO THE US LAW, WHICH CEEP SAYS RAISED PREMIUMS IN SOME INDUSTRIES AS MUCH AS 500 PERCENT. THE FORM OF THE DIRECTIVE IS TOO WIDE AND GENERAL IN
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NATURE, WHICH WILL PROVOKE CONFLICTS AND DIFFERENCES IN INTERPRETATION.

2. SEVERAL US COMPANIES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER THIS DIRECTIVE. CONSUMER GROUPS ARE STRONGLY BEHIND THE PROPOSAL AND HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH HARD FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL. HINTON

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